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1. [REDACTED] Received a call from Senator Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.) who said he would like a roundup briefing before taking off for home during the Congressional recess. He said 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 14 October, would be most convenient for him and he would like to be brought up-to-date on the general world situation, particularly the Middle East, Cuba, Bolivia and Southeast Asia. I told him that unless we heard to the contrary, someone would be in his office for the briefing at 10:30 tomorrow and if he wished to change the arrangements he should call [REDACTED] in my absence.

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2. [REDACTED] Accompanied General Cushman and [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] OSR, to brief Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, and Acting Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek on a sensitive current item. See Memo for Record.
Also mentioned to Chairman Rivers and Slatinshek the intensified Communist road construction and anti-aircraft activity in the lower Laotian Panhandle.

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3. [REDACTED] Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, called and asked for any information we had on [REDACTED]

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He was advised we would check and be back in touch.

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4. [REDACTED] Fred McChesney, on the staff of Senator Winston L. Prouty (R., Vt.), called to say the Senator is receiving considerable pressure in his campaign for reelection about the fact that the budgets of CIA and other sensitive agencies are not publicly revealed. He asked for any information we could give him as to the reasons why this information could not be made public. I told him I would see what I could do.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Chairman L. Mendel Rivers, House
Armed Services Committee, on Cienfuegos

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1. Today I accompanied General Cushman, Acting Director,
and [redacted] OSR, who briefed Chairman Rivers and Acting
Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek on the latest information on Cienfuegos.

2. In response to the Chairman's questions, [redacted]
explained the chronology and history of our analysis of the evidence
on this subject.

3. The Chairman was reminded of the security holdown and
assured us he would protect us. He commented that he had talked to
Presidential Assistant Kissinger about the matter and had made clear
to Kissinger that he would not tolerate any interference with his own
access to information of concern to his Committee.

4. The Chairman and Slatinshek also expressed concern over
reports of Soviet-Singapore negotiations over use of Singapore naval
facilities. We promised to examine this problem intensively and
report back in the near future.

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